OLR Bill Analysis sHB 5307

AN ACT REVISING CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS FOR THE REGISTRATION OF RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS.

SUMMARY:

This bill exempts fire departments from paying the fee for registering chemical detectors with radioactive material with the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP). It also (1) reduces the frequency for registering ionizing radiation sources, requiring biennial registration in January of odd-numbered years, instead of annually, and (2) correspondingly increases the registration fee from \$200 to \$400.

By law, any person, firm, corporation, town, city, or borough that conducts or plans to conduct any operation involving ionizing radiation or radioactive materials must register them with DEEP. "Radioactive materials" include any solid, liquid, or gas that spontaneously emits ionizing radiation. "Ionizing radiation" includes gamma rays, x-rays, alpha and beta particles, neutrons, protons, high-speed electrons, and other atomic or nuclear particles, but not sound, radio, or light waves.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2015

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute Change of Reference Yea 27 Nay 0 (03/21/2014)

Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute Yea 50 Nay 0 (04/01/2014)